

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 363

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Lee Edward Roberson of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Lee Edward Roberson; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who gave unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberson was most assuredly one such remarkable citizen whose life and ministry demonstrated his unwavering commitment of service to the Lord and to the people whose spiritual lives he guided; and

WHEREAS, born November 24, 1909, in Louisville, Kentucky, Lee Roberson was a graduate of the University of Louisville and attended Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberson pastored several churches in Tennessee and Alabama before coming to Chattanooga in 1942 to pastor Highland Park Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, lauded as a visionary, Dr. Lee Roberson's influence extended far beyond his Chattanooga pulpit; while at Highland Park Baptist Church, Dr. Roberson founded Tennessee Temple University in 1946, Temple Baptist Seminary, Tennessee Temple Academy, Camp Joy, the Union Gospel Mission, Zion College, World Faith Missions, and WDYN-FM radio station; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement in 1983 from Highland Park Baptist Church, Dr. Roberson traveled extensively, preaching across America; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of ministry at the Highland Park Baptist Church, Dr. Roberson led the church through many different phases of growth and development, both spiritually and physically; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee Roberson was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Caroline Allen Roberson, and an infant daughter, Joy Caroline Roberson; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Roberson is survived by four children, John Roberson, Lee Anne Nichols, June Ormesher, and Patty Davis; ten grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Darlene Munafo; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lee Roberson epitomized the spirit of giving and the level of commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Lee Edward Roberson, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, immeasurable influence as a Christian leader, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Roberson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.